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R AND D PROJECT OF NTPC AND ANNA UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC and Anna University in Tamil Nadu have signed an Memorandum of Understanding to work jointly in research and development activities in power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allocated/proposed to be allocated by the Government for this Research and Development Project; and

(d) the manner in which power sector is likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The MOU between NTPC Ltd. and Anna University, Chennai >(AUC) signed on 29th July 2007 is on cooperation & promotion of R&D in the areas of mutual interest between NTPC Ltd. & AUC, continuing education programme in mutually identified areas of interest and establishment of NTPC centre of excellence in energy studies.

(c) & (d) : NTPC Ltd., being a Navaratna Company, is not dependent on Government funding as such. All activities undertaken by NTPC Ltd. are funded by its own internal resources. As far as MOU of NTPC Ltd. with AUC is concerned, this is an umbrella MOU. The specific R&D projects of mutual interest to be undertaken between NTPC Ltd. and AUC shall be initiated by separate Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), after a detailed review process including the specific R&D projects of interest to power sector.